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SUBJ: INCREASED CONSULAR STAFFING

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1. WE WELCOME THE MUCH NEEDED SUPPORT REPRESENTED IN THE BUREAU'S PLAN TO ALLOCATE ONE AMERICAN OFFICER AND TWELVE FSL POSITIONS TO BOLSTER OUR CONSULAR OPERATIONS. OUR ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT AND FORESEEABLE WORKLOADS FULLY SUPPORTS THE PROJECTED DISTRIBUTION OF THESE POSITIONS AS OUTLINED IN PARA. 2 OF REFTEL.

2. TWO OF THE FSL POSITIONS WILL BE USED AT MEXICO CITY TO CREATE A LONG-PLANNED AND NOW POSSIBLE VISA FRAUD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT. A THIRD LOCAL POSITION WILL BE USED TO BOLSTER THE MISSION'S WELFARE AND PROTECTION UNIT. POSITIONS INTENDED FOR CONSTITUENT POSTS WILL BE USED TO GREATEST ADVANTAGE TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THUS GUARANTEE GREATER TIMELINESS IN SERVICES TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC.

3. THE AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION AT GUADALAJARA WILL CARRY THE TITLE VISA OFFICER AND SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT THE FSO-6 LEVEL.

4. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH ALL CONSULAR CEILINGS NOTED IN PARA. 5 REFTEL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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CEILING FOR TIJUANA. OUR STAFFING PATTERN SHOWS

ELEVEN AMERICAN POSITIONS AT CONGEN. OF THESE,
PRINCIPAL OFFICER, SECRETARY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED, AS WAS CASE IN SETTING CONSULAR
CEILINGS FOR OTHER POSTS, THUS LEAVING CONGEN WITH
CEILING OF EIGHT RATHER THAN NINE AMERICANS. WE AGREE
THESE FIGURES FORM A REALISTIC BASIS FOR FUTURE
REPORTING AND CEILING ADJUSTMENTS.
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